

DOZEN BANDITS ROB TRAIN AND SHOOT 4 PERSONS

HOLDUP COMES ON M. K. & T. TWO MILES SOUTH OF PAOLA, KANSAS.

WAS OLD-TIME TERROR

Highwaymen Go Through Coaches
and Fire Away at Ceiling and
Floor, then Uncouple Mail and
Express, Rob Them and Flee.

Paola, Kansas, July 11.—A posse of 200 or more men early today was patrolling the banks of the Marais-de-Cygne river near here awaiting the signal to rush a large patch of timber in which it was believed a dozen men hid late last night after holding up a south-bound Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train at Koch Siding, a short distance south of Paola, shot four persons, looted the express and mail cars and made their escape.

J. E. Williams, a negro from Oklahoma, was wounded by a bullet in the hip.

The posse is composed of members of the County Anti-Horse-Thief association, and Home Guard from Ossawatimie, and is led by county and railroad officers.

The possemen were called together within an hour after news of the robbery became known and immediately started in pursuit of the fleeing bandits, who left the scene of the holdup in motor cars. A report reaching here early today was that the bandits closely pursued by the possemen, abandoned their cars and took refuge in the timber which is many acres in extent and affords an excellent hiding place.

Train Was Texas-Bound.

The train, which left Kansas City last night, was bound for Parsons, Kansas, where it was to connect with a St. Louis train for San Antonio.

Details of the robbery in which two of the train crew and a woman passenger were wounded by bullets from the bandits' guns, as related by railway employees, seem to indicate the robbers "shot up" the train to terrorize passengers and crew. No attempt was made to rob passengers.

The train was flagged down as it was backing from Koch Siding, two miles south of here, and the bandits swarmed about the engine, forcing the engineer and fireman at the point of revolvers to go into the smoking car.

The doors of the smoking and day coaches then were locked and several of the robber party ran up and down the aisles, shooting into the floor and through the roof, straying bullets from their guns striking Fireman R. E. Carter in one ankle and C. T. Witcher, the train auditor, in one thigh.

Uncouple from Train.

Occupants of the two cars being reduced to abject terror, the bandits boarded the mail and express cars, uncoupled them from the rest of the train and with one of their own men at the engine throttle, ran out onto the main line and backed north. As they passed the standing coaches, they fired into the windows, and it was then that Mrs. L. D. William of Achille, Bryan County, Oklahoma, a woman passenger, was wounded. She was shot in one of her shoulders.

A mile north of the siding the mail and express cars were stopped and the robbers proceeded to rifle them, throwing the express safe from the car and then breaking it open. They also are said to have taken a quantity of registered mail. The sum of money taken from the mail bags could not be estimated. According to the express messenger and mail clerk, who were forced into the smoking car with the engine crew, there was not a large sum of money in either car.

Flee in Motor Cars.

When the two cars had been stripped of valuables, the bandits fled in motor cars, which had either been left nearby or brought up by confederates. Members of the train crew started for the city and found the engine and two cars deserted. They ran them back to the coaches, coupled up the train and proceeded with the wounded to the nearest hospital, at Parsons, Kansas.

Bandits Were Young Men.

The bandits are described as young men, although all were masked. Their familiarity with the train schedule and their handling of the engine and detached cars was the feature that attracted the particular attention of railway men, as it was taken to indicate at least some of them had had railway experience. One of the masked men was reported to have warned a companion, "Don't shoot that man—that's Jake Darkes." Darkes was a brakeman on the train.

Other fragments of conversation overheard, indicated a thorough knowledge of train operations on the division. Koch is a "blind siding" with no buildings or resi-

WEATHER FORECAST

For Ardmore and Vicinity:
Tonight and Friday, partly
cloudy to cloudy, warmer Fri-
day.
Oklahoma: Tonight and Fri-
day cloudy, warmer Friday.
East Texas: Tonight and
day generally fair.
West Texas: Tonight and
day generally fair, warmer in the
Panhandle.
Local Temperature.
Maximum temperature yester-
day, 99 degrees; minimum
last night, 71.

dences near, and the spot was well chosen for the hold-up.

Kansas City, July 11.—Local police today were asked to watch for the men who last night robbed the Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train near Paola, Kansas, and escaped northward in motor cars.

The information here was that the Paola authorities were confident the men had been surrounded by a posse along the Marais de Cygne river, but that they were notifying police in cities to the northward as a precautionary measure.

Nothing had been learned here as to the amount of plunder obtained.

PULLMAN CONDUCTOR IS
TARGET FOR BULLETS

Muskogee, Okla., July 11.—R. E. Cowan, Pullman conductor on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train, held up by bandits near Paola late last night, narrowly escaped death at the hands of the robbers, according to his story of the hold-up related this morning.

As the robbery was in progress, Cowan reached up with his left hand to extinguish the lights in the sleepers, intending to protect the occupants from the bandits who were on guard outside. Before his fingers touched the switch, he heard a warning growl from one of the outlaws, and a rifle spat at him from the darkness. A window was shattered by the ball and a piece of flying glass cut an ugly gash above Cowan's right eye. After that he did not attempt to put out the lights.

Cowan was impressed by the signals the bandits used. Just before the shot was fired at him he heard one of the guarding bandits shout "six" off in the darkness. Close by the side of the Pullman another answered "six." Other voices cried "six" alongside the train and then came rifle shots, and the smashing of windows.

Aside from this shot at him and one other shot through a Pullman window, Cowan said the occupants of the sleepers were not molested.

The Pullman conductor did not get a close view of any of the bandits. He said those on guard kept well in the shadow.

Passenger Tells Story

J. J. Murray, a Muskogee business man, who was a passenger in the smoker, said he saw six bandits and none wore masks. Murray was impressed by the seeming perfect organization of the robbers. He said:

"The crew of bandits was very well organized, each man having been given a number in which he was directed by the leader. I heard the numbers called as high as 12 but did not actually see but six men. Man 'No. 6' was called upon to do the most work."

"The man who stood on the front platform after the engine and baggage car was a young man, and I think I could identify him. He said, after cursing a little, 'I am going to give you fellows some Jesse James stuff,' and he proceeded to fire down the aisle. Three shots passed close to me, one other passing just an inch or so in front of my face. All of the men seemed to be very young, in their twenties. The engineer, referred to by the bandits as 'old hog,' being the oldest of those I saw. I judge him to be about 35 years old."

"There was a great deal of confusion on the train, in fact, every time a shot was fired, and there were about a hundred fired, I think some would scream and others would pray. From their actions I would say most of the bandits were or had been railroad men."

MESSANGER SAYS
THUGS GOT LITTLE

Muskogee, Okla., July 11.—According to W. P. Colton, of Kansas City, one of the mail clerks on the Katy passenger train looted by bandits near Paola, Kansas late last night, the robbers secured but an insignificant amount of money from the rifled mail and express cars.

Four registered packages, none of which is believed to have been valuable, were taken from the mail coach. None of them contained currency, according to Colton, who has spent 36 years as mail clerk on the Katy and has been in four train robberies.

The small safe in the express car was taken from the train, he said. Colton did not know what it contained. Local express officials say, however, that it probably contained nothing of value since large amounts of money are never shipped on that train, which makes its entire trip to Muskogee during the night.

KRUPPS NAME VON TIRPITZ, PAN-GERMAN, FOREIGN SECRETARY

CANNON MAKERS DICTATE SUCCESSOR TO FALLEN VON KUEHLMANN.

SOCIALISTS MAKE BLUFF

Pretend they will not Vote War
Credit Until Policy of New Of-
ficial is Outlined—Military Olig-
arch in Complete Control.

Geneva, July 11.—Admiral von Hintze, successor of Dr. von Kuehlmann, is the Krupps' candidate, according to the Gazette of Lausanne.

London, July 11.—The fall of Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann was arranged by German army headquarters and is regarded in Germany as the introduction of an open Pan-German regime under the control of the military leaders, special dispatches from Holland say.

It is described as the biggest of a series of Pan-German victories, and the Pan-German newspapers do not disguise their delight over it.

Reports of the appointment of Admiral von Hintze as foreign secretary, are accepted as final by the Pan-German papers, which contend that this involves no change of policy. This contention, however, as well as the assurance that von Hintze is not a Pan-German, is false, according to the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. Von Hintze is described by him as a swash-buckler and an intimate of Admiral von Tirpitz, the Pan-German leader, and instigator of the submarine murder campaign.

Much excitement was caused in the corridors of the reichstag Tuesday by a rumor that von Hintze had been appointed foreign secretary. After the socialists had informed the president they were not prepared to vote the war credit until they knew what foreign policy von Hintze was going to pursue, it was agreed, as a way out of a threatening situation, which possibly would result from the majority socialists joining the minority group in rejecting the war credit, that the full sitting should be adjourned so that the house could go into committee for a confidential discussion.

The result of this gathering was that the semi-official announcement of von Hintze's appointment took a tentative form, saying merely that he had been "named" as von Kuehlmann's successor.

WIRE BULLETINS

Washington, July 11.—An official from Rome today reports unchecked advance of Italian troops in Albania, with Berat as an objective. From the Vozusa the Italians have carried all positions to the Semeni in an advance of approximately 15 miles over a fifty-mile front.

Vienna, via London, July 11.—Austrian forces in Albania are occupying a new defensive line which has been organized, according to today's war office report. The statement announces the repulse of a French detachment which was advancing in the Devoli Valley.

Washington, July 11.—President Wilson today vetoed the resolution adopted by congress last week extending the time in which the railroad might relinquish control of lines not wanted in the federal system.

Washington, July 11.—Safe arrival at Teheran of Gordon Paddock, United States consul at Tabriz, was announced today by the state department. Paddock left Tabriz more than a month ago with a party of Americans and Europeans, when Tabriz was threatened by Turks, who afterward seized the American consulate there and sacked an American hospital.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 11.—Ten members of the Salt Lake City club of the Pacific Coast League, were today ordered by Salt Lake draft board No. 4 to report to their local boards and show cause why they should not be placed in Class 1, of the selective draft, or seek work essential to the conduct of the war.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 11.—Two workmen are known to be dead and four others injured in an explosion today at the government arsenal at four others injured in an explosion is said to have been caused by a workman dropping a loaded shell.

Washington, July 11.—When the prohibition bill came up automatically at 2 o'clock today, the senate agreed to lay it aside temporarily, and proceed with the wire and radio control measure. No objection to the procedure came from the prohibition advocates.

IMPORTANT MEETING OLD GUARD TONIGHT AT CONVENTION HALL

Pursuant to the order issued by the executive council of the Carter county council of defense, Ardmore Unit No. 1, Old Guard of Oklahoma, will assemble in executive session at Convention Hall at 8 o'clock tonight. Every man who has signed the membership list is required to be present. Physical inability and absence from the city are the only excuses that will be accepted from absentees.

RINGLING MAN IS WOUNDED IN FRANCE

CORP. ODOM P. MARTIN OF CARTER COUNTY TOWN IS NAMED.

Washington, July 11.—Southerners in the marine corps casualty list today include:

Wounded in action severely:
CORP. ODOM P. MARTIN, Ringling, Okla.
PRIVATE BRADY T. LEV-
ERIDGE, Seranton, Texas.
PRIVATE JAMES A. McCLOS-
KEY, Texas City, Texas.

Corporal Martin is the son of John Martin, manager of the Magnolia Petroleum Company at Ringling. This is the third time Corporal Martin has been wounded. In a letter to his father received last week, he wrote that he was then in a hospital recovering from his second wound. He enlisted in the service a year and a half ago at Dallas, Texas.

Washington, July 11.—The marine corps casualty list today contained 35 names.

Killed in action:
Lieut. Joseph A. Synnot, Montclair, N. J.; Sergt. Arthur Russell, Oshkosh, Wis.; Corp. Henry L. Dowdle, Chicago; Privates John F. Blalock, Hamlet, N. C.; Christian Boehm, Irvington, N. J.; Wm. H. Coughlin, Chicago; Frank D. Fairclough, Beacon, N. Y.; Roy J. Ford, Detroit; Geo. O. Hamlet, Anniston, Ala.; Paul M. Kidwell, Berkeley, Cal.; Edmond J. Labonte, York Beach, Me.; Chas. A. O'Connor, Orlando, Fla.; Raymond F. Schaufele, Cleveland.

Died of Wounds.

Died of wounds received in action: Lieut. George H. Yarbrough, Mullins, S. C.; Privates Norman D. Hutchinson, Eaton, Colo.; Walter B. Pickartz, Chicago; Harry A. Wendel, Chicago.

Wounded Severely.

Wounded in action severely: Lieut. Aaron L. Ferch, Correll, Minn.; Sergts. Claude S. Corson, Doylestown, Pa.; John H. Kelley, Philadelphia; Corps. Frank J. Endicott, London, England; Jerry Vucic, Chicago; Privates Robert A. Coughy Harvey, Ill.; Paul W. Chantler, Greene, N. Y.; Patrick J. Doyle, Wakefield, Mass.; Geo. A. Henneberger, St. Louis; Wm. J. Manda, West Orange, N. J.; John D. Quan, Chicago; Louis Schemlaub, St. Louis; Sam Shalter, Cincinnati; Drue C. Wilson, French Camp, Miss.

NEW GOVERNMENT
OF SIBERIA WANTS
HONORABLE CAREER

London, July 11.—Objects of the new Siberian government include repudiation of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty and the establishment of a Russian republic with an autonomous Siberia, according to a declaration made by a member of the government to the Vladivostok correspondent of the Japanese paper Nichi Nichi Shimbun, says a Tokyo dispatch to the Daily Express.

It is also proposed to rehabilitate the army and send troops against Germany.

Russia's national debt would be acknowledged, Siberia assuming responsibility for her share.

WHEN DOES A SNEEZE
BECOME A "HOLLER."

In the police court this morning the mayor was called upon to determine when a sneeze becomes a "holler." E. M. Poyer was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Williams on a charge of disturbing the peace. The officer was standing in front of the Frame drug store and Poyer was entering a barber shop across the street. The officer hearing, as he said, a "holler," made the arrest. Eight witnesses were called who testified that the defendant sneezed, and some of them said a "holler" followed, and others said it was a sneeze and not a "holler." But all declared it in a way disturbed their peace, and the defendant was discharged.

World Owes Debt To American President Is Declaration of Asquith

London, July 11.—Sincere praise of President Wilson's leadership in the war and his advocacy of a league of nations after the war was given by Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, in an address last night at the National Liberal club. The occasion was a "hospitality dinner to American officers" at which 500 prominent Englishmen were hosts. The dinner resolved itself into a meeting of ovation for President Wilson.

Vice Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces in the war zone, paid tribute to the co-operation of the British and American navies, and declared:

"The submarine menace is now at an end, for we are destroying them faster than the Germans can build them."

Biddle Brings Cheers.

Major General Biddle, commander of the American forces in England, evoked long cheers when he announced that American troops were stationed at from 70 to 80 different points in England and Scotland.

Former Premier Asquith, in the course of his speech urging the importance of President Wilson's idea of a league of nations, as "the most urgent of all peace problems," said:

"The United States as a nation has had the very good fortune that in the supreme crisis of her national history the men whom she most needed for inspiration and guidance has always appeared."

"President Wilson has taken the greatest decision of our age and he has carried his people with him in it. Moreover, he has laid before the world the grounds for his decision, the reasons which justified and compelled it and the spirit in which it was adopted. He has done this in state papers which are worthy to live side by side with the most inspiring utterances of his most famous predecessors."

World Debt to Wilson.

"Probably the world owes its greatest debt to President Wilson for helping men whose vision has been blurred and blinded by the smoke of battlefields to lift up their eyes and to look through it and beyond. It is very difficult in time of war to keep a steady hand and a clean tongue. President Wilson does both."

"We can not ask ourselves too often what we are fighting for. President Wilson has done more than any other statesman to concentrate the minds of his own people and even the enemies' peoples on a league of nations as our dominating world aim."

"There can be no clean peace which does not clear away the causes of war."

FRENCH CONTINUE JAMMING TACTICS ON MARNE SALIENT

CAPTURE TOWN, INCLUDING RAILWAY STATION AND FARM AND CHATEAU

HAIG ALSO DRIVES IN

British Take Ground on Ridge
Which Stands as Important East-
ern Defense of Allied Base at
Amiens.

(By The Associated Press)

London, July 11.—Speaking in London today, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, said that mines gradually were hemming in the German submarines, which now had less freedom, and, he was glad to say, there were fewer of them.

(By The Associated Press)

The French continued their jamming tactics last night on the westerly side of the Marne salient, southwest of Soissons, capturing the town and railway station of Corey and the farm and Chateau of St. Paul, south of the town.

The gain of ground serves still further to protect the forest of Viller-Cottebert (otherwise called the Ketz forest), which forms a bulwark of the defense of Compiègne, the important French base and railway junction on the east of that town.

On the British front south of the Somme Field, Marshal Haig's infantry pushed still further forward last night, and won additional holding ground east of Villers-Bretonneux, on the ridge which stands as an important eastward defense of the allied base at Amiens.

Raiding operations comprised the major portion of the activities on the remainder of the allied front.

Will Huns Strike Here?

The operation on the French front resulting in the capture of Corey, gains in interest in that it represents a continuation of a series of important local attacks on this front between the Aisne and the Marne, begun by General Petain on Sunday. It is along this line that the allies apparently counted quite probable that the Germans will resume their offensive.

Sunday's attack took the form of a drive that carried the French line forward two-thirds of a mile on a two-mile front north of the Longpont region, in this area, the gain here was extended on Tuesday, while during the day, Wednesday, the front of operations was shifted further south, and the outskirts of Longpont and Vorce were reached.

During last night, as today's statement from Paris shows, the French made good their occupation of Corey and drove in still further south of the line for a short distance.

Net Results.

The net results, together with an earlier operation further north, late in June, when a dangerous salient east of the Laversine Ravine, which the Germans created in the June offensive, was wiped out, is that the French front now runs in almost a straight line along a series of strong positions for a distance of approximately 12 miles from the Aisne southward to below Corey.

Between this and the American sector to the south, northwest of Chateau Thierry, there still is a westward bulge in the line. The French pressure on the north, and the American on the south, however, seems likely to result in the wiping out of this salient by the continuation of the present entente tactics of local plunges in this sector, if the Germans hold off much longer in launching their expected renewed offensive.

WHITE SOLDIER IS HANGED AT WACO

MADE CRIMINAL ATTACK ON AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL—CONFESSES.

Waco, Texas, July 11.—Nat Hoffman, formerly a member of the supply company, Nineteenth field artillery, Fifth brigade, was hanged this morning at 5:38 o'clock in the stockade at Camp MacArthur.

Hoffman was tried by court martial on a charge of criminal assault upon an eleven-year-old school girl near the camp last April. Conviction followed and the case was sent to Washington for review. Sentence was affirmed, and its execution followed this morning at the hour named.

None but officers and the guard was allowed to communicate with the condemned man. It was announced that his only utterance during the preparation for the execution was, that he deserved his fate.

One evening in April Hoffman met the girl in company with a boy about her age in a lonely wooded spot near Camp MacArthur. The boy was first attacked and ran away after which the girl was assaulted. The boy reported the affair, and military police were soon on Hoffman's trail and captured him early in the evening.

Hoffman was 25 years old and of a prepossessing appearance. His mother resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., and has been notified of the execution of her son.

FORTY THOUSAND FILE BY MITCHEL'S CASKET

LAST RITES IN HONOR OF MEMORY OF DEAD OFFICER

New York, July 11.—Throughout the night men and women representatives of every class, filed past the flag-draped casket containing the body of Major John Purroy Mitchell, former mayor of New York City, to pay silent tribute to his valor, unmeasured loyalty and his supreme sacrifice.

Several hours before the funeral procession started for the service at St. Patrick's (Catholic) cathedral, it was estimated that 40,000 persons had visited City Hall and hundreds still were in line.

Solemnity and ceremony of military rites marked the funeral. The gun carriage which conveyed the casket to the cathedral was escorted by detachments of soldiers, sailors and Marines, three regiments of state militia, a regiment of police, and a battalion of firemen.

A quadron of eighteen airplanes flying over the cortege dropped flowers upon it as a last tribute from the men of the air service to a fallen comrade.

Business was virtually suspended during the services.

TEXAS SOLDIERS HURT IN RAILROAD WRECK

MEN FROM CALDWELL, LA- REDO AND TATUMS IN- JURED, 2 SERIOUSLY.

Shreveport, La., July 11.—Two of the five soldiers hurt when the troop train on the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific railway near Wadley, 17 miles from Shreveport, were reported this morning at the sanitarium to which they were taken to be in a serious condition. They are Corporal T. P. Houston of Caldwell, Texas, and Private Joseph Allen of Tatum, Texas. Surgeons say they are hurt internally.

Although six sleepers and a box car went into the ditch there were only three other soldiers injured, and their injuries are slight. They are Sergeant Thomas Guernsey, Laredo, Texas; Privates Charles M. Berry and Arthur M. Carter, addresses unknown.

Officials of the railroad were today conducting an investigation. Superintendent J. C. Stamm, of the company, expressed the theory that a brakebeam broke on a box car, which was being used as a baggage car just behind the engine, and the car went into the ditch carrying the six sleepers.

CHINA AT VATICAN.

Rome, July 11.—The Chinese government, having expressed a desire to establish diplomatic relations with the vatican, the pope has approved the appointment of Tai Tcheng-Lin as minister to the holy see. He has served as minister to Spain and Portugal.

OFFICIAL REPORTS WESTERN FRONT

Paris, July 11.—French troops last night captured the town of Corey on the front, southwest of Soissons, the war office announced today.

In addition to gaining complete possession of Corey, including the Corey railway station, the French took the chateau and the farm of St. Paul to the south of Corey.

The capture was effected in an operation for the enlarging of the French positions to the east of the Ketz forest.

ANOTHER PLAN TO
AID COTTON GROWERS

Boston, Mass., July 11.—The establishment of a chain of cotton warehouses financed partly by the government in lieu of a proposition by the Texas Bankers' Association for the creation of a corporation to buy for government account was advocated by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in a statement issued here today.